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- - 1. The Tentera Nasional Indonesia (TNI) 4 Division under Colonel Soengkono is believed to be putting up strong resistance against the Dutch 10 Brigade which is moving south from Malang to Kepandjen and Blitar.
  - Dutch troops are withdrawing to Solo from Jogjakarta, Bojolali, Klaten and Poerwodadi.
  - 3. Soetomo is trying to reorganize his Barisan Pemberontakan Rakjat Indonesia at Solo, but many of his men are so poorly clad and armed that it is doubtful if they will be of tactical value against the Dutch.
- The TNI staff at Solo was planning to set up headquarters at Madioen, Later reports indicate that the TNI became demoralized and was preparing to retreat 25X1A6a

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  Comment. Press reports have now reported the fall of Solo to the Dutch.
  - 5. Neither side is quoting casualties, but the number is believed to be high. Mortars and artillery are chiefly being used. To date there has been no hand to hand fighting. There has been considerable hit and run distance rifle shooting.
  - 6. Jogjakarta was occupied by Dutch and crack Ambonese and Menadonese paratroops.
    Altogether about 3,500 men were used.
  - 7. Radio Serang of the Indonesian Republic in Bantam is still on the air, calling for sabotage and exhorting the people to regain lost areas, etc.
  - 8. Tan Malaka is said to be at Kediri, where he is calling people to fight.
  - 9. Remnants of the Communist forces are waiting and watching developments from a safe village on Mt. Wilis, around Ngawi, and various areas in southern Kedoe. They are hostile to both the TNI and the Dutch. Their total armed strength is estimated at 5,750 men.

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- 10. In Sumatra in the Fort de Kock area, Dutch troops have reached Singkarak en route to Fort van der Capellen, where the TNI brigade guarding the entrance to Fort de Kock and Padangpandjang is based.
- 11. The Dutch are now mobilizing all available able-bodied local Dutch and Eurasians. Disabled men are being called to do administrative work in the Military Bureau.
- 12. The Chinese Consul General has requested the Dutch to give him permission to go to the front to see to the care of the many Chinese in the fighting areas.
- 13. The Indian Consul General says that the Indian Government will do everything possible to aid the Republic. In the Consul General's opinion the Dutch decided on military action before the arrival of Ministers Sassen and Stikker in Batavia,

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